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1. SUMMARY: IN ONE DAY SESSION ACPR REACHED AGREEMENT ONLY ON REVISED CALENDAR OF ESCAP MEETINGS AND REPORT ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO 31ST SESSION. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WERE SUBJECTED TO LENGTHLY DEBATES AND FINAL ACTION POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT ACPR SESSION FEB. 18. MARAMIS CIRCULATED NEW GERIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME FOR COMMENT AT NEXT SESSION WHEN HE ALSO PLANS DISCUSS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR 31ST SESSION AND CHAIRMANSIPS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES. WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON FOOD SCHEME REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. REVIEW MISSION REPORT: MARAMIS INDICATED HE AGREED WITH MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION CONCEPT FOR REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS BUT OPPOSED THEIR PHYSICAL INTEGRATION. HE WOULD POSTPONE CONSOLIDATING INSTITUTIONS' BUDGETS. AT REQUEST MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND AND LAOS FURTHER DISCUSSION POSTPONED.

3. REGISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES--AUSTRALIA STILL ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CLEAR EXPRESSION OF
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REGIONAL VIEWS ON ITS PROPOSAL TO GIVE REGISTRY TO ESCAP. MALAY-

SIA AND INDONESIA BALKED AT AGREEING TO MORE THAN ANODYNE STATEMENT IN ACPR REPORT TO 31ST SESSION WHICH SIMPLY NOTED AUSTRALIAN OFFER AND PHILIPPINE WILLINGNESS TO HOST REGISTRY. DISCUSSION CONTINUES FEBRUARY 18.

4. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS--AT U.S. REQUEST NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING IN BANGKOK ADVANCED ONE WEEK TO 14 OCTOBER 1975 TO PROVIDE TWO WEEKS INTERVAL BEFORE NEXT TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING. CALENDAR CONTAINED OES/ACPR/27 THEN APPROVED.

5. UNDP/UNIDO/FAO/ESCAP PREPARATORY MISSION REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY CENTER--MARAMIS UPSET BY REPORT'S OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIAN CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY IN PHILIPPINES WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY RES. 143 AT 30TH SESSION AND HE ASKED FOR VIEWS. JAPAN PHILIPPINES REPS EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WHILE INDIA ALONE SUGGESTED DISCUSSING RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORT. BECAUSE REPORT BASED ON TENTATIVE VIEWS, PAKISTAN REFUSED TO DISCUSS MATTER. ACPR EVENTUALLY AGREED TO JAPANESE DRAFT STATEMENT REQUESTING MARAMIS TO CONSULT WITH UNDP AND CONVENE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (MERELY A REPETITION OF RES. 143). MARAMIS WILL DISCUSS ISSUE WITH UNDP NEW YORK FEBRUARY 5 AND ACPR WILL TAKE UP MATTER AGAIN AT NEXT SESSION. REPORT CONTAINED IN OES/ACPR/25 JANUARY 6, 1975.

6. ACPR REPORT TO 31ST SESSION--AFTER ANOTHER LENGTHY ARGUMENT OVER DRAFT PARAGRAPH RE SHIPPING COMMITTEE, AGREEMENT FINALLY REACHED ON ACPR REPORT. IN HIS MAIDEN STATEMENT TO ACPR. NEW SOVIET PERNREP KOSENKO ANNOUNCED USSR SUPPORT FOR SHIPPING COMMITTEE. PHILIPPINES INDICATED OPPOSITION. REPORT NOW LISTS 14 COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. FAVORING MAJORITY RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXPERT GROUP AND SEVEN COUNTRIES FAVORING NEW SHIPPING COMMITTEE.

7. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS, MARAMIS PROPOSED DISCUSSION AT NEXT FEBRUARY 18 SESSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FOR 31ST SESSION AS WELL AS MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION'S VARIOUS COMMITTEES. HE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TEXT OF REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME AND AGRICULTURE DIVISION CHIEF KAWAKATSU DESCRIBED THIS \$500 MILLION REGIONAL PROPOSAL WHICH IS DISCUSSED SEPTEL.

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8. COMMENT: CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS STILL SUFFICIENT FOR 8TH SESSION BUT WASHINGTON VIEWS ON REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY SCHEME REQUESTED. DESPITE MYSTERIOUS RUMOR THAT MARAMIS HAD CONVINCED INDIA TO FOREGO CONFRONTATION ON SHIPPING COMMITTEE ISSUE AT 31ST SESSION, INDIAN ACTIONS AT THIS ACPR MEETING STILL INDICATE IT INTENDS TO PURSE ISSUE MOST ACTIVELY. ANOTHER ISSUE GROWING IN IMPORTANCE IS UNDP NEGATIVE REPORT ON ASIAN CENTER

FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY. THIS UNDP NEGATION OF AN ESCAP
RESOLUTION HAS ANGERED MANY REGIONAL MEMBERS FROM SOUTHEAST
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